

**GARSTANG RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

INTERIM  
**ANNUAL  
REPORT**

OF THE  
**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**  
AND OF THE  
**SANITARY INSPECTOR  
AND SURVEYOR**

FOR THE YEAR

**1943**



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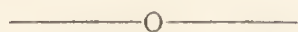
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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year 1943



*To the Garstang Rural District Council.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS,

I have the honour to present to you for your consideration my Interim Annual Report as your Medical Officer of Health, for the year ending 31st December, 1943.

Mr. W. L. Thompson, Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor, resigned on 31st December, 1943.

The Vital Statistics are not available at present.

### 1.—STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (Acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57,189
Population (Census 1931)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,562
Number of Inhabited Houses (Census 1931)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,773
No. of Inhabited Houses end of 1938 according to Rate Books	3,360							
Number of Families, or Separate Occupiers (Census 1931)	...	2,796						
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£72,803
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£290

### SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Mostly agriculture, poultry farming, market gardening—which has increased during the last few years ; seven cheese and milk factories, one paper mill, one paper bag works, two cotton factories. A number of men are employed in the building trades and also a number of residents, owing to the good 'bus service, are employed in the neighbouring towns.

## TUBERCULOSIS.—New Cases during 1943.

Age Periods.				New Cases.			
				Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
				M.	F.	M.	F.
Years							
1-5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
5-10	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
10-15	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
15-20	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
20-25	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
25-35	...	...	...	1	1	...	1
35-45	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
45-55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55-65	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
65 and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS	...	...	...	1	3	4	3
				4		7	

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION SCHEME.

During the year 1943, the scheme for the voluntary immunisation against diphtheria for all children in the district was still in operation.

The number of children immunised since 1941 is given below :—

Age in years :	1941.	1942.	1943.	Grand Total.
1 to 5 ... ..	407	575	183	1,165
5 to 10 ... ..	1,318	1,430	45	2,793
Total each year	1,725	2,005	228	3,958

The scheme is being continued by arrangement with local practitioners.



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1943.

TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED AND AGES.

DISEASE.	Total No. of Cases	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over	Cases removed to Hospital
Scarlet Fever	15	...	...	1	1	2	5	2	1	2	1	...	...	11
Diphtheria	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pneumonia	26	...	3	1	1	...	3	...	...	3	7	4	4	...
Erysipelas	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Measles	174	1	14	11	13	19	77	34	4	...	1	...	...	...
Whooping Cough	67	7	12	9	11	11	16	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	5	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	3
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS	291	8	30	22	26	34	102	38	6	6	11	4	4	15

NOTE: Immunisation had not been carried out of the above Diphtheria case.

CONCLUSION.

This concludes my Interim Report.

I would like to express my thanks to the Sanitary Inspector and Clerk to the Council for their co-operation and assistance during the past year, 1943.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

ANDREW TAYLOR,

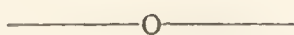
*Medical Officer of Health.*

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SANITARY INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR

For the Year 1943



UNION OFFICES,  
GARSTANG.

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Garstang Rural District Council.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS, •

I have the honour to present to you my Fifth Annual Report, of work carried out during the year ending 31st December, 1943.

### WATER SUPPLY.

During the year five samples of water were obtained from private supplies, with results as shewn below :—

#### *Chemical.*

1 Bad.

1 Good.

#### *Bacteriological.*

2 Bad.

1 Good.

These were obtained from private supplies in various parishes. In 2 cases certain local improvements were carried out.

66 yards of 3-inch new water mains were laid by the Fylde Water Board in the district during 1943.

583 houses have a water supply from wells or springs.

INSPECTIONS—*continued.*

	Brought forward ...	...	622
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	181
Sanitary Accommodation :—			
Pails ...	...	...	3
Privies ...	...	...	14
Ashpits and Dustbins ...	...	...	23
Cesspools ...	...	...	4
Other Closets ...	...	...	12
Disinfections (including Scabies cases) ...	...	...	23
Cinemas, Restaurants ...	...	...	5
Slaughterhouses ...	...	...	0
Meat Shops ...	...	...	15
Provisions and Other Food Shops ...	...	...	21
Fried Fish Shops... ...	...	...	2
Ice Cream... ...	...	...	0
Dairies and Milk Shops ...	...	...	8
Cowsheds ...	...	...	251
Milk Samples, on behalf of the County Council, for Schools			28
Milk Samples, G.R.D.C....	...	...	1
Milk Sediment Tests ...	...	...	15
Samples, Milk Kit rinsings ...	...	...	0
Water Samples ...	...	...	3
Auction Marts ...	...	...	0
Markets and Stalls ...	...	...	6
Knacker Yards ...	...	...	5
Sewage Works ...	...	...	28
Schools ...	...	...	2
TOTAL ...	...	...	1272

## NOTICES, ETC.

*Notices Served :—*

Informal Notices (and letters) ...	...	...	30
Statutory Notices ...	...	...	Nil.

*Notices Complied With :—*

Informal Notices and Letters ...	...	...	36
Statutory Notices ...	...	...	Nil.

*Notices Outstanding :—*

Informal Notices ...	...	...	3
Statutory Notices ...	...	...	Nil.



## COMPLAINTS.

Defects ... ..	4
Drains choked and defective ... ..	8
Polluted ditches and streams ... ..	6
Nuisances... ..	5
Overcrowding ... ..	1
<b>TOTAL ... ..</b>	<b>24</b>

## BUGS.

None found since 1940. When found, houses are stoved by the Cyanide Process at a cost of £8 per house, the owners bearing the whole cost.

*Offensive Trades :—*

5 Inspections. Conditions satisfactory ... .. 5

*Fried Fish Shops :—*

No. of premises ... .. 2  
 No. of premises unsatisfactory ... .. 0  
 No. of Inspections ... .. 2

*Common Lodging Houses.*

The common lodging house has been closed voluntarily.

*Tents, Vans and Sheds.*

The number of isolated vans and sheds is not known. There are 6 licensed camping grounds in the area. Thirty-eight inspections were made.

*Houses Let in Lodgings.*

There are no houses let in lodgings within the district.

*Bakehouses.*

Eleven Bakehouses were inspected and no defects were reported. All are small bakehouses, and none are of the underground type.

*Schools.*

Sanitary conditions at many of the schools are unsatisfactory.

# FACTORIES.

## 1.—Inspection of Factories.

Premises.				In- spections.	Written Notices.	Prosecu- tions.
Factories	...	...	...	30	Nil	—
				30	Nil	Nil

## DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES.

Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	Prosecu- tions.
Nuisances under the Public Health Act	...	...	—	—
Want of Cleanliness	...	—	—	—
Want of Ventilation	...	—	—	—
Overcrowding	...	—	—	—
Want of Drainage to Floors..	—	—	—	—
Other Nuisances	...	—	—	—
Sanitary Accommodation	...	—	—	—
Offences under the Factory and Workshops Act	...	—	—	—
Illegal occupation of under- ground Bakehouses	...	—	—	—
Fire Escapes	...	—	—	—

## SHOPS ACT, 1934.

There are in the district at the present, 121 shops.

Forty-one inspections were made under Section 10 of the Shops Act 1934, regarding ventilation, heating arrangements, lighting, washing facilities and sanitary conveniences. No defects were found.

## CANAL BOATS.

Inspections—Nil.

## HOUSING.

Number of dwelling houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total, including numbers given separately under (b) ...	Nil.
(i) By Local Authority ... ..	Nil.
(ii) By other Local Authorities ... ..	Nil.
(iii) By other bodies or persons ... ..	Nil.
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :—	
(i) By Local Authority ... ..	Nil.
(ii) By other bodies or persons .....	Nil.

1. *Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :—*

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	35
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	40
(2) (a) Number of houses (including under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... ..	Nil.
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	Nil.
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	Nil.
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation ...	15

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ..	14
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*

A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	Nil.
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—	
(a) By owners... ..	Nil.
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.	Nil.

B.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... .. | Nil. |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..    | Nil. |

C.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in which Closing Orders were made ...  | Nil. |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... .. | Nil. |

D.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

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|---|------|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... .. | Nil. |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—                      |      |
| (a) By owners ... ..  | Nil. |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners   | Nil. |

### HOUSING CONDITIONS.

*General observations as to housing conditions :—*

Generally the houses for a rural district are of a fair standard, except 150. A large number of these in my opinion are unfit and cannot be made fit for habitation at a reasonable cost.

*Sufficiency of Supply of Houses.*

Private enterprise has erected 581 houses, mostly of the cottage type, and 44 houses have been erected by the Council during the last 10 years.



## LOCAL AUTHORITIES' HOUSING SCHEMES.

The Council purchased  $2\frac{1}{4}$  acres of land in Kettle Lane, Garstang. A plan was prepared showing a layout for 30 houses. The scheme was approved by the Ministry of Health and 22 houses have now been built. Houses have also been built by the Council at Pilling (8), Inskip-with-Sowerby (4), Out Rawcliffe (4), Cabus (4), Inskip (4) and Great Eccleston (8). Rents range from 5s. 3d. to 7s. 11d. inclusive.

## SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933.

Slaughtermen in the district have complied with the requirements of the Act, and all beasts and sheep are stunned by means of the mechanically operated instruments ; this also applies to pigs where electrical power is available.

No. of registered slaughtermen	...	...	26
No. of licences issued ...	...	...	26

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

*Milk Supply.*

There are 607 farms and dairies, in connection with them, and one retail dairy on the register ; of these, 62 are Accredited producers and 2 Tuberculin Tested producers. 259 inspections were made in connection with the above.

A number of shippons require re-modelling, but this is a difficult matter as the tenant is responsible for the cost of carrying out the work.

It is computed that there are 1,500 cowsheds in the area, many of which do not comply with the Milk and Dairies Order.

*Milk.*

A large quantity of milk is produced in your district, the bulk of which is sent to adjoining towns.

It is computed that there are 15,000 to 16,000 dairy cattle in the area.

One Pasteurising plant is in use in your district

*Milk Sampling.*

	T.B. found.	T.B. not found.	Meth. Blue not satis- factory.	Meth. Blue satis- factory.	B. Coli in 0.01 c.c. present.	B. Coli in 0.01c.c. absent.
Lancs. C.C. Graded Milks	1	55	21	55	21	55
Lancs. C.C. School Milks	0	43	0	0	0	0
Garstang R.D.C. : Ordinary Milks	0	13	2	11	2	11
	1	111	23	66	23	66

Four samples of Pasteurised milk were examined ; of these, two were unsatisfactory.

A number of complaints regarding dirty milk were received from Creameries and Cheese Factories ; these were investigated and dealt with.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS (ADULTERATION) ACT, 1928.

The County Council is the responsible authority for administration of the above Act.

#### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

During 1943 there were 15 cases of scarlet fever against 34 in 1942, 1 case of diphtheria, against 4, 26 cases of pneumonia against 26, 67 cases of whooping cough, 174 cases of measles, 5 cases of cerebro-spinal fever, 1 case of erysipelas, 11 cases of tuberculosis against 8, 1 case of acute poliomyelitis, and 1 case of acute encephalitis lethargica.

All cases of tuberculosis are dealt with by the Lancashire County Council.

## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

For the duration of the war, all animals are slaughtered at the large centralised slaughterhouses from which the local butchers receive their allocation of rationed meat.

*Unsound Food.*

As a result of inspections of shops and slaughterhouses, the following unsound meat and other foods were surrendered :—

22½ lbs. of Bacon.	½ lb. Beans.
7 lbs. of Tinned Pork.	4½ lbs. Tinned Beef.
2 lbs. of Prunes.	11½ lbs. Flour.
58 lbs. of Beef.	22 lbs. Mutton.

## CHIEF SANITARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

Refuse collection in 9 remaining Parishes.

Sewerage schemes at Hambleton, Churchtown, St. Michaels, Forton, Stalmine, Catterall, Bilsborrow, Myerscough and Pilling.

Improvements to existing Sewage Works at Scorton, Bowgreave and Calder Vale.

Improvements to existing water supply scheme at Calder Vale.

Conversion of privies to water closets where sewers are available.

Clearance of remaining unfit houses.

More houses at low rentals.







